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British Telecom 1 news item

## BT Signs Contract Renewal with Ciena for **Optical Network** Development

United Kingdom-based British Telecom has agreed to a fiveyear contract renewal with Hanover, Maryland-based Ciena, a global supplier of telecommunications networking equipment, software, and services, to deploy its 6500 Converged Packet Optical Platform.

The deployment will enable BT to grow its optical services business, building capacity via 100G and nx100G high capacity wavelengths that offer reliable, high-speed connectivity services.

Telefónica (O2) 1 news item

### O2 throws weight behind BT in 5G mobile auction row

Mark Evans, chief executive of O2, backed a call by rival EE for Ofcom to press ahead with a big money sale of radio spectrum that could be used to bolster coverage immediately.

Virgin Media 1 news item

### Virgin Media to extend ultrafast **broadband FTTP** to 3,000 properties in Wembley

Virgin Media will extend ultra-fast broadband fiber to the premises (FTTP) network to as many as 3,000 properties in Wembley, an area of northwest London, England, by the end of 2018. Virgin Mobile says its 4G connectivity, such as data free WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger, will be available to Wembley residents as well, along with the option to roll over unused data monthly.

Vodafone 1 news item

#### Vodafone and Tech Data strike an **IoT** deal

Tech Data today announced a pan-European agreement to offer managed Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity services from Vodafone. Through this agreement, resellers and systems integrators across Europe can access Vodafone's value-added IoT services, which enable end customers to securely integrate and tailor IoT solutions into their businesses in segments such as manufacturing, logistics and transport, retail, or smart spaces. Vodafone's managed IoT connectivity services join Tech Data's extensive IoT Solutions portfolio.

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